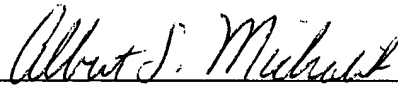


REMARKS

Entry of the present preliminary amendment is respectfully requested to correct a typographical error. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

Respectfully submitted,



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